

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Add the attached drawing sheet, comprising new Fig. 2.

REMARKS

The application has been amended to correct the cited informalities, and to place the application, as a whole, into *prima facie* condition for allowance. Care has been taken to avoid the introduction of any new subject matter into the application as a result of the foregoing amendments.

Applicant again acknowledges, with appreciation, the Examiner's indication that claims 1, 2, 6 – 11 have been allowed.

The drawings have been objected to, under 37 CFR 1.83(b) on the basis that, "In the instant case, a separate drawing figure showing each of [the] elements of the invention unassembled from one another (i.e., an exploded view or an equivalent) is required to more clearly show the distinguishing features of each element of the invention."

In complete response thereto, Applicant attaches hereto new drawing figure 2, and submits that the Examiner's requirements regarding the drawing should be deemed met. Entry and acceptance of new drawing Fig. 2, and reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to the drawings are respectfully solicited. In addition, Applicant has amended the figure description in the specification to mention Fig. 2.

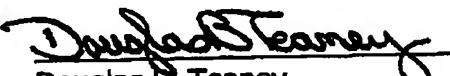
Claim 3 has been objected to as being redundant. Claim 3 had also been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite, due to a double recitation of "a spacing disk (130)". In complete response thereto, Applicant has cancelled claim 3. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's bases for objection to, and rejection of, claim 3, should be deemed overcome.

In view of the Examiner's allowance of claims 1, 2, 6 – 11, Applicant respectfully submits that the application as a whole, including all of claims 1 – 2 and 6 – 11, is now in *prima facie* condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully solicited.

Should anything further be required, a telephone call to the undersigned at (312) 456-8400 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted via telecopier to the attention of Examiner Jason Bellinger, Art Unit 3617, USPTO, Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA, 22313-1450, on April 25, 2005, to fax number (703) 872-9306.


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